FEEDBACK

TV REVIEW

SWP SWIPE SWANKS OF LABOUR

Diverse Reports, a partisan 'opinion' type programme was turned over to the Socialist Workers Party for thirty minutes on Jan. 29th 1986 on Channel 4.

The SWP member Eamonn McCann followed the history of the Labour Party in power and opposition. Concentrating particularly on the Harold Wilson lead Labour Government of the 1960's when '13 million voted for Socialism' and within months the Government had broken the 1966 Seamen's strike etc.

The 'talking heads' floated past, the 'hard left', 'extremists', 'Reds' as the Tory media would have 'em ie. Tony Benn and Ken Livingstone who turn out not to be so 'Red'. The Liverpool Labour 'Left' (ie. Militant supporters of old Trot Ted Grant) fronted by Councillor Derek 'got a nice suit' Hatton got into power and so embarked on a 'socialist platform' of no 'privatisation', building Council Estates and maintaining social services etc. Yet they called off confronting the central Government over budgets (fearing jail might lose them their political careers as Councillors etc.) and issued redundancy notices to council workers instead!

The SWP line is for Socialists to leave the Labour Party as its electoral ambitions for State power waste the activists who get used and eventually sold out. Conference decisions get ignored by the Leadership, no matter how resolute the paper promises; Neil Kinnock is merely the latest in along line of parasites.

Actvisits should instead form networks at the workplace and neighbourhood level independent of the Labour Party and trade trade union Leaders and bureaucrats.

Syndicalists would agree. The Labour Party's Parliamentary, Municipal and Union hierarchies use activists and *always* sell out. This is an international reality too. In Europe; Spain, France, Greece, Italy etc the 'Socialists' State serves the bosses not workers. The irony about the SWP then is that they cling to the Marxist-Leninist-Trotskyist line headed by guru Tony Cliff that their 'revolutionary' Party is the best vanguard. (*Their*s, not the Communist Party - pro-Russian 'Tankies'; or Communist Party - Euro-Communist 'Trendies'; or Workers Revolutionary Party - Healyite; or WRP - Bandaranaike; or Revolutionary Communist Party, Revolutionary Communist Group etc etc under their own particular central committees Chairmen.)

For us, activists should leave *all* parties. The emancipation of the working class is the task of the workers themselves and not Parties in or on their way to State power over the workers.

Don't you just hate politicians!

Book Review

DEATH IN THE CITY

Melissa Benn & Ken Worpole. £3.95
Canary Press ISBN 0 9509967 4 2.

Canary Press have published a series of good books, particularly on the 1984/'85 Miners' Strike eg. *State of Siege; Let Them Eat Coal!*; and *Strike Breaking in Essex*.

This book written by two members of INQUEST – currently GLC funded – takes a critical look from 1970 to 1985 at police related deaths in the capital.

London with a seventh of the national population and a fourth of the police has half the national figures for deaths in custody proving that when police concentration grows so does crime and deaths.

The authors are not Anarchists but are 'civil libertarians' concerned at the open 'excesses' of the growing Police State. Thus the book is a well researched, detailed examination of suspicious deaths and the farce of police biassed Inquests.

Although we have had to deal with concomitant policing strategies as well as deaths, we do not subscribe to the view that London, or Britain, would suddenly become a happier place overnight if the police were taken off the streets and confined to desk work, leaving the people of London to police themselves. This is a proposition which seems to underlie CERTAIN RADICAL CRITIQUES OF POLICING (my emphasis, do they mean us?). we believe that the separate but overlapping 'communities of class, gender, race and sexual orientation' are replete with historically formed antagonisms (though these are not by any means determined for all time). Violence against women and rape do occur in working class communities, as do racist attitudes and deeply held prejudices against gay men and lesbians, which can take violent forms. Trade unionists have marched with the National Front. Unemployed young people are over-represented in the statistics for certain types of petty crime in the inner city areas. Self - policing could end up with the war of 'all against all'. This is not something we would relish. Of late, the difficulty has become one of controlling the police and forcing them to react in an efficient and even handed manner, which is answerable to Law.

With such analysis it is not surprising that for many to read this book will only leave you feeling powerless (waiting for the police to become even handed etc. and to be answerable to bourgeois Law is a sick joke really!) and presumably look to Liberal/SDP or benevolent Labour MP's to descend from the middle-class suburbs and jolly well sort out all these nasty-type police chappies wot?

Anyway, a good gift for anyone who thinks the police get too much criticism; otherwise get your local library to stock it.



As many people are turning to 'self-policing' (which the authors seem to fear) particularly Asians who are victims of racist attacks; the time has come for the Anarchists to put their case for abolition of the police State as a possible and now desirable alternative.

J. Kilkops.

Anarcho-Quiz - Answers

1. As the Spanish King would not accept the treaty of Westphalia (1648) he continued the war against France, but lost it, and at the treaty of the Pyranees (1649) France set the border on a defensible spot, along the geographic fault of the Pyranees, ignoring the wishes of the people or the fact that Catalonia was cut by a seventh. A few years afterwards Cardinal Mazarin, premier of France, offered the territory back to Spain in exchange for Spanish-held town in Flanders; but the State would not exchange wooded mountains for busy Belgian towns (it lost them to France a few years later, anyway, with no exchange).

2. They turn them into pleasure resorts. Argeles-sur-Mer and St Cyprien Plage, for instance, where 90,000 Spanish women, men and children anti-Fascist refugees were vilely imprisoned after the end of the civil war (though most of them were Catalans, and they were undeniably in Catalonia!) are now delightful spots with only a non-committal memorial to note the former presence.

3. It points out that the Workers Opposition 'contended that the interests of the trade unions were opposed to that of the Soviet State and the Communist Party. . . (and) held that the trade unions and not the Party were the highest form of working-class organisation'. It concludes that the Workers Opposition 'was essentially an anarcho-syndicalist anti-Party group'.

4. He said 'Ce N'est pas L'anarchie, c'est le shiten-lit' (it's not anarchy, it's shitting in bed). Some reporters misunderstood this as 'chienlit' (dogs-bed) which is meaningless, not recognising French military slang 'le shit' (properly, 'la merde').

5. Alice Lenshina, who denies the validity of central government and of Christian mission work – she is usually described as a 'witch'.

6. The People's Will committee protested that such actions used in 'democratic USA' could not be justified as in Russia, where they had been responsible for the assassination of Czar Alexander III.

LETTERS RECEIVED

FROM A CREMATION GROUND

Dear Friends,

Adorations. We found your address from *Kick It Over*. What a great joy for me to know that sincere and serious-minded persons like yourselves and your readers are adopting a new lifestyle, as you are seeing with your own eyes the other side of the glamour and glitter of our society projected for mass consumption and deceiving the people as a whole! Many thoughtful and intelligent young people are beginning to see the falsity of the modern conventional lifestyle.

Many of our ancient and some modern Yogis and Rishis matted their hair, some lived in cremation ground doing penance and ate from the skull and some, though enlightened, lived in caves or huts in the remote forest like savages outwardly to show their revolt and disgust with the society by adopting the unconventional but simple lifestyle. I myself am doing without modern comforts, living in the forest for the last 21 years out of which 12 years I observed complete silence. For the past 21 years I have never gone anywhere beyond our ashram compound. I get up daily at 1 am.

By doing rigorous meditation and contemplation, I have come to a state of Awakening the fruit of which is FELICITY which cannot be expressed in words.

We remember you all in our prayers and send you our love and blessings for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

With love and prayers, Thy own Light,

Swami Nirmalananda,
Viswa Shanti Nikethana,
B.R. Hills 571317, Karnataka INDIA

REPLY: You too Swami!

FROM GREECE

Dear comrades hallo!

We are some members of collective ARENA which published the monthly newspaper under the same title. Unfortunately we have had to split because of practical and theoretical problems. So we stopped editing the newspaper and we have reorganised our forces. Our new first edition is the book that we sent to you about the miners in Britain. The name of the book is *Wildcat*.
and in this form we shall publish other documents of the international socialist movement. But we shall also edit a new magazine (four times a year) in a few days, which will contain matters about Greek and foreign societies. Please send us any information that you can about your country and your activities. Keep in contact – it is so urgent in these times. So, bye for now and wait for our news.
With fraternal greetings,
Panajiotis Kalamaras

P.S. Our address is as follows:
Panajiotis Kalamaras, Pindoy 63 11141
Athens, GREECE.

FROM GREENS

Dear Black Flag,

We agree about more than you think. We agree totally with your *Should Anarchism be opposed to industrialism?* We agree about direct action. You seem to misunderstand, not disagree with, the *Green Anarchist* position on direct action and violence. We think violence is necessary. We think non-violence is a middle class luxury in a police state. Cheers,

Green Anarchist,
19 Magdalen Road, OXFORD.



DAVE DOUGLASS

COME AND WET THIS TRUNCHEON
The Role of the Police in the Coal Strike of 1984/1985
by David John Douglass
NUM Branch Delegate Hatfield Main Branch Doncaster.

First published in 1986. Printed by **Aldgate Press**. Produced by the author and the Cambridge, Doncaster and South London DAM-IWA groups and Canary Press. A quarter of the price of this pamphlet will be donated to victimised miners. Price 80p available from:

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THE ANARCHIST FORTNIGHTLY

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BOYCOTT MURDOCH!

As we go to press, print workers at the Manchester print works that puts out the *News of the World* (Murdoch's highest selling Sunday paper) have refused to do it in the face of threatened mass dismissal and the permanent removal of the paper to Murdoch's new Glasgow print plant. The Manchester workers took this action out of solidarity with their comrades in Fleet Street, where around 5,000 Sogat 82 members were made redundant as a result of Murdoch moving office to his new hi-tech fortress in Wapping. Whether the Manchester workers will get support from Sogat '82 members in Glasgow remains to be seen. If they too take action, Murdoch will be forced to seek non-unionised print facilities to handle the paper: the battle is by no means over.

Another twist to the dispute has been the revelation that Murdoch has cancelled his contract with British Rail because he feared that railworkers would block distribution of his papers. British Rail admit that around 1000 railworkers jobs could well be affected by the move. Murdoch now wants to place most of the distribution with the transportation multinational TNT (Thomas National Transport), an Australian based company that Murdoch holds substantial shares in. TNT have already been organising the distribution of *The Times* and the *Sun* since the move to the fortress at Wapping.

TNT are also currently attempting to take work away from the Post Office, which would result in thousands of postal workers being laid off (see article *Mollies for TNT?*). The scene, in theory, is set for joint action by different sections of workers to fight the Murdoch/TNT alliance However, in the wake of the Miners Strike the unions are afraid of infringing the anti-union laws; also, as with the Miners Strike, the transport workers (contrary to TGWU orders) and electrical workers, are playing a crucial role in assisting Murdoch to win his campaign of 'union-busting'.

Taking advantage of the present anti-union climate, Express newspapers have also sent out around 2000 redundancy notices to its print workers.

In addition there is the added drama as to whether EETPU, the electricians 'union' (who ordered members to cross the miners picket lines in the 1984/'85 strike!) is to be suspended from the Trades Union Congress for scabbing and collaborating with various managements against union interests. The role of EETPU only serves to emphasise that the trade union movement is paralysed by those within it who do not identify with class interests and who are prepared to sell out at any opportunity. At the same time the leaderships of the less reformist unions are afraid to sanction any action that will bring them up against the Law. The result is that once again it is the rank and file that ends up taking the initiative, as of course they should be.

At one point in time it looked as if Murdoch had it all sown up (he has certainly succeeded in getting rid of the print workers in Fleet Street), but with Sogat members in other parts of the country placing an embargo on printing his papers, he isn't out of trouble yet. About the only thing that would ruin him, at least in this country (he owns papers in Australia and the USA as well as a communications satellite for starters), is if an embargo on handling print work became solid, or if the distribution network failed (there has been some disruption already by SOGAT members who work at wholesale distributors, thus slowing deliveries down). There is a huge fleet of independent operators who are waiting to move in – as during the Miners strike – to take over should TNT workers bow down to pressure from TGWU organisers and printers pickets. Should scabbing persist, however, the only answer then would be a mass campaign of sabotage aimed at the scabs, scab organisers and management, as part of a generalised war of attrition. Just how long can Murdoch hide behind his fortress?

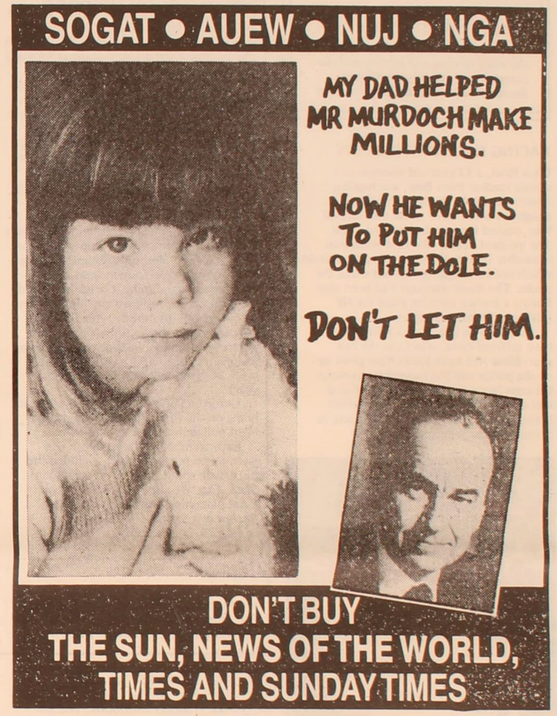
ODDS & SODS

Communications with Fortress Wapping are very slow, near impossible, despite the change of telephone numbers. People call in to lift-phones, Vodaphones ripped out of cars and anonymous callers get to tie up the lines, abusing around the clock.

Malcolm Withers, father of the *Sun*'s NUJ (National Union of Journalists) chapel is also Labour candidate at Stevenage. Yet 'officially' the Labour Party is not co-operating with Murdoch's scab journalists.

Several cars were forced to slow down just as the scab lorries were leaving the Wapping plant at high speed, thus stopping the lorries for a while much to the delight of the pickets (officially six, but a mass of people just up the road).

The scab lorries, unmarked of Company of origin, have also been driven with their number plates covered or removed to try and prevent tracing of the owners/drivers. Despite this and other attempts at hiding several have been sorted out, verbally and physically. Also newsagents encouraged to stop taking the *Sun*. Next time you see someone reading the scab press why not discuss the matter over a small fire?



STRIKING TIMES

The Times has for years tried to present itself as the voice of the comfortable establishment, with liberal opinions, the embodiment of moderation. Today it hides behind barbed wire, in a fortress-factory at Wapping, protected by armed security guards, employees bussed in for safety and with the secrecy and stealth of a nuclear base surrounding all its operations, as its managing director whose main trade is in pornography fights against thousands of working people.

Disguise this how one wishes ('Murdoch tackles the trade unions'), *The Times* is now a discredited piece of journalism. Its correspondents abroad have been so respected that British Intelligence has traditionally used the cover of '*Times* correspondent'.

The *Sunday Times* is into investigative journalism. Its reporters have to go out and looks for news. Both rely on seeing the public, on co-operation with people involved in the news,

If you ever talk to the *Sun* or the *News of the World* it will be garbled and distorted to make a sensible article into a piss-take. But the ST and Times go out to seek information. Those who are doing so now are scab workers and must be treated as such. (Overseas readers, please note). The desire of journalists to go into riot situations means that many of them are vulnerable.

EDDIE SHAH'S BACKERS

In it for the money they hope will come from Shah's colour daily *Today* (aka Toady), to be launched in March '86 are Ivory and Sime; British and Commonwealth Shipping; Trusthouse Forte; Scottish Investment Trust; McAlpine (the builders); Candover and Portsmouth and Sunderland newspapers. More surprising perhaps for those who still see such regimes as 'Socialist' is the State capitalist Hungarian State Bank who invested £8 Million in the scab boss.

"MOLLIES" FOR TNT! See Page 6

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FACING RACISM IN BRITAIN

Dino Patel, a 32 year old unemployed school teacher from Bow, was heading home with his landlady's two young daughters when three white men circled him, slashed his face and walked away. The incident near a Mile End Road pub is another in a local history of racist attacks which unlike 'muggings' do not make the media. The three attackers had been seen leaving a known meeting place for NF (National Front) supporters.

Dino Patel is one of 495 Asians that have suffered racial attacks in the last year. More and more locals have given up on the police and the campaigns to make the cops 'accountable' (the great liberal lost cause of 150 years of Metropolitan Police dictatorship.) Instead they look to themselves for solutions to crime



● Dino Patel after the attack

HOME NEWS

BLACK MASS – £75 FOR SOUTH AFRICAN ALLIED WORKERS' UNION

In the week before Xmas the Lancaster based anarchist arts collective *The Front* staged two performances of a benefit production of Edward Bond's short play *Black Mass*.

The initiative for the project came from NATTKE/BETA members (two of whom were already members of *The Front*) employed at the Duke's Playhouse in Lancaster who had read about the SAAWU in *Direct Action* and *Black Flag*, and who wanted to demonstrate their solidarity with and increase local awareness about SAAWU and to raise money for SAAWU directly. *The Front* raised the £50 production budget (the actual cost, including a £25 insurance premium, for the two performances was £41.71), involved three local Equity members, who gave their services entirely free, and recruited three unemployed non-union performers, as well as preparing slides for projection and generally hassling to get the production on and seen by as many people as possible.

The production was staged in the Duke's Playhouse carpentry workshop – appropriately a former Methodist Chapel. During the first night's performance, as a fierce gale lashed the building, Christ descended from the cross to address the lumpen congregation only to mutely return to the altar to poison the South African Prime Minister's communion wine to the accompaniment of the loudest and brightest crack of lightning heard in Lancaster all year!

Unfortunately the storm kept many at home on the first night. But the second night pulled in a capacity audience.

Each member of the audience was given a free program which included the full article about SAAWU as printed in *Black Flag*. We also sold copies of the DAM pamphlet *Anarcho-Syndicalism, Racism and Struggle*. In all the event raised £75 to go directly to SAAWU in Durban which will be forwarded as soon as we get the all-clear from SAAWU to send it on.

Further information about *The Front* and future activities available from:
The Front c/o Lancaster Musicians' Co-op, 1 Lodge Street, Lancaster LA1 1QW

TROUBLE - MAKERS! Take note: in the near future there will be 10,000 copies of the *School Stoppers Handbook*. The format will be sixteen pages of A5 in pamphlet form. You or your group will be able to purchase ONE THOUSAND ISSUES for the stupid price of FIFTY POUNDS ONLY. There will only be ten chances to take advantage of this – once in a life-time opportunity – so, scrape together yer Fifty Nicker and send us a postcard or letter at 'Playschool', BM Box Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX telling us that you will be taking us up.

MANCHESTER

Dear Comrades,

Doubtless you will have heard about the recent death of a man in police cells in Southport and the subsequent riots there. (See *The Guardian* 29/1/86). Anyhow, some background info that has appeared on local news has not been reported nationally, so here goes.

The evening immediately after the death, another detainee (arrested for the same offence as the deceased) appeared on North West News his body clearly having been subjected to recent physical punishment. Following the ensuing riots (which the vast majority of papers attempted to dismiss as football violence), Ken Oxford issued a press statement to the effect that the acting pathologists had found *no* traces of physical violence upon the deceased.

However, on the night after, which was the 29th, the solicitor acting on behalf of the deceased's family denounced Mr Oxford's claim as 'irresponsible' and 'inaccurate'; arguing instead that the pathologists were attempting to ascertain the cause of death had indeed found evidence that physical violence had been inflicted on the deceased.

In fact the Southport police had originally told the murdered man's family that their son had died of an epileptic fit; but as they (the family) pointed out, their son had never suffered epilepsy.

Again it appears that a murder in police cells has brought about local outrage, and Mr Oxford contemplating a spread of civil disorder has attempted to defuse an inflammatory local climate, by telling wopping great lies, (so what's new?).

By the way, we are meeting this week to set up a Black Cross group in Manchester. Will send more news, contact address when it comes out, Keep on struggling.

Best wishes,
Jon (TV-@M

ANARCHIST COMPUTER LINK-UP

If any of our regular contacts happens to have a micro or mini personal computer or has regular access to one or intends to get one soon, please contact us *(Black Flag)*. If there is enough interest we intend to set up an Urgent News Service via an international computer link-up. The hardware should ideally be IBM compatible, and be capable of sending messages and receiving messages via the phone (so get a modem and plug into Intelpost and Telecom Gold, etc). Should you be a member of an existing anarchist publishing group or an IWA group, even better. If the idea sounds good, start saving now – computers are currently dirt cheap (check out the Amstrad system). Let's do it. We need you and your computer to make such a projected network available workable. Let's hear from you.

FEEDBACK

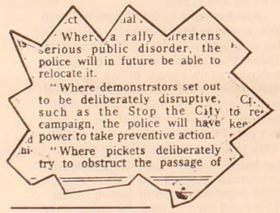
ANARCHY OR CHAOS. A small pamphlet on the need for a revolutionary anarchist federation in this country. Despite a few inaccuries i.e. the paper *Direct Action* has not folded, the call for organisation is a positive step. Send sae to S.A.G., (OAC) c/o 121 Bookship, 121 Railton Road, London SE24.

POLICE REPRESS 'CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLICE REPRESSION!

There were thirty arrests during the rally against the Public Order bill in East London on Saturday January 25th 1985.

Organised by the Campaign Against Police Repression, the march started at London Fields nearly an hour late (which was good for me as I arrived late!). Those who said they'd come for the most part did not unfortunately. So some 300 of us went off surrounded by police, led by the police 'Dalek' communications control van and watched by a police helicopter. An ironic photograph of the CAPR banner peeping out from behind the lines of cops was lost along with other photographs as the cops finally waded in and arrested. Two photographers were arrested, one was tripped up and had his camera smashed, most were charged with 'obstruction', in an attempt to stop us picketing Stoke Newington Police Station.

The Bill, which has had its second reading in the House of Commons, will limit pickets and demonstrations to numbers agreed by the police and announced in advance. It will introduce a new offence, 'disorderly conduct', with a broad interpretation. 'Stop the City' actions were



MR. DOUGLAS HURD, HOME SECRETARY

specifically mentioned by one Tory MP and Police Chief as necessary to prohibit.

Another march –illegal – is to be organised within days of the Bill becoming Law later this year.

Innocent Bystander.

Campaign Against Police Repression, Box CAPR, 83 Blackstock Road, London N4 Tel: Pete 01 341 5340.

Questions and Answers on Anarchism

Q: Anarchists may talk about tolerance but are all too ready to impose censorship on people they don't agree with (porno merchants, racialists etc.) – it's all very well to sneer at liberalism, but doesn't liberalism imply liberty and censorship imply authority?

A: Though some Anarchists might erroneously talk about tolerance, it is nothing to do with anarchism – tolerance implies being in charge and allowing deviations, as distinct from being in charge and *not* allowing them. Liberalism, so far from defining liberty, sets boundaries to it and institutionalises these 'being fair' to both aggressor and victim in its respect for Law. 'Being impartial' between capitalist and worker it is valueless in the class struggle.

Anarchists invariably reject censorship – but it must be remembered that censorship is not just preventing people from expressing viewpoints, it is also forcing other people to express viewpoints in which they don't believe. It is not 'censorship' if this paper doesn't print (say) a defence of Mrs Thatcher to counter the criticism; it would be if we knuckled under to a hypothetical Law saying we had to.

In fighting against fascist attacks on minorities, we are countering Fascism in the only way it can be opposed, since it thrives by attacking vulnerable groupings – small, scattered and/or unpopular – and so escalating to a force to be used to subjugate majorities. To allow racial attacks to proceed is to help fascism grow. We do not go for 'legalistic' anti-fascism: fascism in this country and many others only expresses itself because it is defended by the organised police.

Pornography is a way to subjugate women, carried out for profit. To consciously let it flourish – in its modern form, at least (once it was erotic titillation, now it is direct incitement to rape, torture and murder) – would in the same way underwrite the nastiest form of power structure, ie. Authority. It is not enough to deprecate these things they must be fought. We do not regard this as 'censorship' – if anyone thinks it is, so be it – nor do we have to accept these things in the name of 'tolerance'.

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We said we were buying a new typesetter (been in use for some issues, and greatly improving the paper) and appeal for support – we got a magnificent response for the typesetter and the Flag itself, which put has put us in a strong position, even if we haven't overtaken our deficit. A terrific £1,000 for the Flag came from North West comrades (we deducted £100 for the mutual aid fund, hence £900); and other big sums (which shouldn't discourage the smaller givers – some represent a total of regular donations). The Flag coming out regular fortnightly means we always have a lot of cash to come from sales so, if it does come in, the deficit isn't as bad as it looks . . . and as usual the amount we spend in salaries, royalties and even rent is just balanced by what we get in council grants and the National Council of Churches (nil).

MUTUAL AID FUND
Statement in next issue.

ANY QUESTIONS?

A few issues ago we inserted a questionnaire in BLACK FLAG asking a number of pertinent questions. We have received quite a batch of replies which have now been assessed and taken note of. A summary will appear in the next issue. No more, please – though criticisms or appreciation which we are seeking, are always welcome.

HOME NEWS

GLC - Apartheid Mongers

The Greater London Council has more than a quarter of a billion pounds invested in companies which are the pillars of the South African apartheid regime. The long list of big talk and little action begins:

MAY 1981 The current labour administration came to power – the second-in-command, Mr C. Rossi promised swift disinvestment of the pension fund's 375,000 shares in Rio Tinto Zinc.

A YEAR LATER there were no signs of disinvestment taking place.

OCTOBER 1982 In response to a protest from Paritsans (People Against Rio Tinto Zinc and its subsidiaries) a spokesman said that to pull out from RTZ would incur losses which could leave the GLC open to charges of mismanagement. By this time London is officially a GLC declared 'anti-apartheid' and 'nuclear free' zone.

JUNE 1984. Ken Livingstone, leader of the GLC, re-affirms the GLC's intention to disinvest from RTZ and other SA companies, at the London Anti-racist Festival.

APRIL 1985. The GLC Super-Annuation Fund Investment Joint Panel (SFIJP) recommends the sale of 'evil' shares.

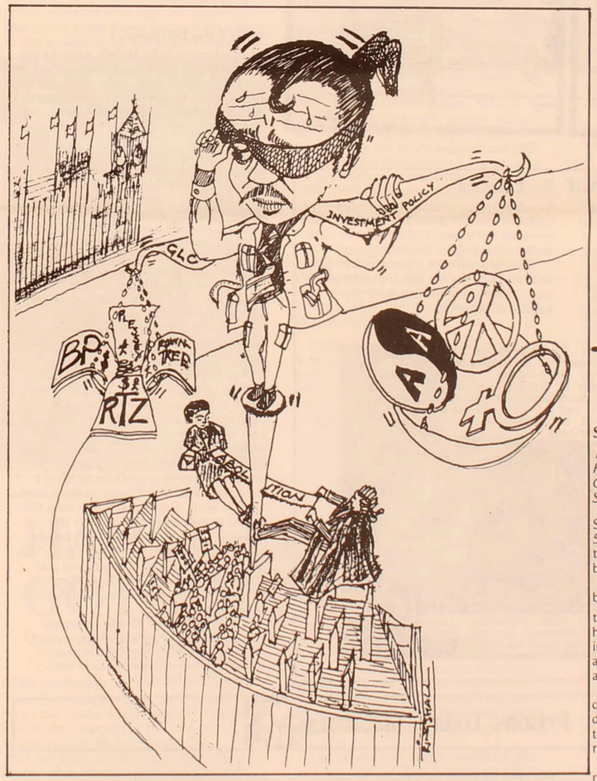
SEPTEMBER 1985. The chair of the SFIJP issues a press release stating the time is now ripe to disinvest from apartheid. A few weeks later he writes to Partizans claiming that '. . . market trends have been unfavourable to disinvestment. . .'

So in all that time, there has been *NO* disinvestment, despite all the radical speeches and even the hosting of a conference on disinvestment at the GLC Headquarters, County Hall!

The GLC Super-annuation Fund has £257.5 million invested in the South African economy. This includes £74 million in 11 companies which 'make a major contribution to the apartheid system'. The Fund has £102 million in 35 companies which 'operate in strategic sectors of the SA economy'. The first category includes: Barclays, General Electric, Plessey, BP and Shell.

What more can we say – if we don't look past the radical rhetoric of the Labour hacks, we're worse than gullible. Meanwhile, thousands of GLC employees are waiting for these same benevolent authorities to protect their jobs when the abolition of the GLC takes place in March, 1986. . .

The facts on GLC investment, and the graphic, come from the comprehensive Partizans Report: *WHERE THERE'S BRASS THERE'S MUCK*, 30p from Partizans, 218 Liverpool Road, London N1 1LE England (Tel 01-609 1852).



ANARCHO-QUIZ

1. **As Rossellon and Catalonia are the same country with the same people language, and customs, with the French and Castillian languages respectively superimposed by State decree, how came they to be separated by a border; and why didn't the Spanish State try to alter matters when it had the chance?**
2. **The Russian government denies its concentration camps exist and it hides the existence of war-time camps; the German bourgeoisie do not deny their war-time concentration camps but show them to tourists and pilgrims and wallow in guilt. What do the French do with their concentration camps?**
3. **What does the 'official History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union' say about the Workers Opposition?**
4. **How did President De Gaulle describe the riots of 1968 and the revival of anarchism?**
5. **What African Resistance fighter, once interned by the British colonial administration, has been imprisoned by three different African governments ever since Independence?**
6. **How did the nihilistic People's Will Committee – Russian terrorists in the older sense of the word – react to the assassination of American President Garfield?**

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8



Midlands Anarchist Get-Together

There will be a get together for Midlands Anarchists on Saturday and Sunday March 15th and 16th in Nottingham. It will take place at Queens Walk Community Centre in the Meadows and will cost £2.50 for the unwaged and £3.50 for wage-slaves. (If you cannot afford this get in touch anyway). It follows on from last year's successful conference, and hopefully will also be learning from mistakes – this year there will be some pre-arranged, introduced workshops as well as open forum and the spontaneous events.

We'd also like something to come out of this year's get-together (beyond the new friendships and ideas which came out of the last) and we're thinking along the lines of a regional federation for the purposes of regular contact, ideas and resources sharing, joint activities etc – it's time we got organised! So please can people come along discuss this beforehand in their groups.

If you'd like to come, it would help us no end if you'd register beforehand. Food creche, entertainment and accomodation will all be provided. Wheelchair access is good.

More information from *Notty Anarchs, Box @, Mushroom Bookshop, 10 Heathcote Street, Nottingham Tel: (0602) 782137 or 624742.*

Industrial News

SILENT NIGHT DISPUTE

Furniture, Timber & Allied Trades Union Forward Together, Always Together Cravendale 92 Branch
SILENT NIGHT DISPUTE: 500 SACKED

Since 10th June 1985, approximately 450-500 members of the FTATU employed at the Barnoldswick & Sutton factories have been on 'OFFICIAL STRIKE'.

This is because there has been a blatant breach of contract by the Company and to exacerbate the situation, the employer has renegued on an 'agreement' entered into with the workforce, who, in a genuine attempt to save jobs of their fellow workers agreed to forego a national pay award.

Within weeks of the 'agreement' the company announced 52 redundancies and despite vigorous representations, refused to rescind them. The workers are, quite rightly so, claiming their wage increase.

The union is making every effort to resolve this dispute by conciliation. The Company has consistently refused to do likewise.

Silentnight was organised as a Union Branch in February 1984 following the workers rebellion at the company's annual rate cutting. In December that year PLC Silentnight made 88 people redundant, and early in 1985 asked its workers to forego a rise, guaranteeing no further redundancies. Eight weeks later they put out redundancy notices. A ballot of the union members received a substantial yes for industrial action. The workers then began a go slow, 200 were the suspended. Following this the remaining workers all came out on strike. On Monday 22 July 1985 over 500 were then sacked.

The strikers need the support of other workers to win. Moral, financial and help by publicity is needed. Speakers from the strikers are available contact:
Terry Bennett, 22 Garrick Street Nelson Lancashire BB9 8JA Tel: 0282 - 603055 or 0282 - 814556 or 0282 - 843649.

Donations, support messages can be sent:
FTAT Cravendale 92 Branch Strike Fund c/o Mrs Ann King, 10 Rainhall Crescent, Barnolswick Colne Lancashire.

BHOPAL – JUETICE?

Union Carbide corporation is selling its consumer products division (from Eveready batteries to Simoniz car wax) using the proceeds to sweeten shareholders. The CP division accounted for $1.9 Billion of U.C.'s $9.5 Billion sales in 1984.

The less successful gas and petro-chemical divisions were to be dumped, but corporate politics in the form of a take-over bid by GAF loomed ahead. Also the coming legal battle with relatives of the 2,500 dead and 200,000 injured at Bhopal, India,who are claiming damages of up to 200 million. The UC Corporation shares have improved since the 1984 industrial disaster and a 'dividend' (profit) for shareholders is available but will be out of the legal reach of the Indian claimants. The slimming down comes as the wrangling over where to hold the case; in India where the Corporation is less valuable ($100 Million) or in the USA, where Union Carbide is worth about $10 Billion.

SACKED FOR SOLIDARITY ACTION

One of those refusing to roll over for Murdoch's conquering campaign is 16 year old Roger Davies, from Treorchy in South Wales.

He was sacked as a newspaper boy for refusing to deliver the *SUN*.

The local office of the print union Sogat 82 has given him a job instead.



NO MAIL TO FORTRESS WAPPING

Mail deliveries to Murdoch's bunker have been stopped by postal workers who have refused to cross picket lines.

Instead the 'mighty' magnate has to send out privately for the threatening mail to be collected from a post office box.

Could Murdoch go down in history like Captain Boycott in Ireland did and his name be used as term of plague. . . You'll be Murdoched you will!

INTERNATIONAL

Dalkon Shield - Womankiller

A.H. Robins, manufacturer of the viciously damaging Intra-Uterine device, the Dalkon Shield, is in the process of declaring itself bankrupt.

During ten years of campaigning, womens groups have been trying to force the Robins Company to do justice to thousands of women all over the world, who have suffered tubal abscesses, septicemia infertility and death, caused by the device.

By April 1985, 13,000 personal injury claims had been filed with the company. There have been no claims from Africa, India, Central or South America, where women are still unaware of the dangers. The company has made no effort to publicise their liability.

April 30th 1986, is the final date for filing claims. Women can also claim for the cost of removal of the device. The bankruptcy hearing will be combined with a trial where all claims will be settled, unless the company invokes a federal bankruptcy law in a bid to avoid compensation claims.

All women are urged to make claims to the company if they have suffered from the effects of this lethal device. More information from: *Action Alert for Women, P.O. Box 4796, 94101, SF, CA, USA. Ph 415 436 4500.*

Making men do the work

Contrary to popular belief, macho attitudes are less to blame than physiology for the paucity of male contraceptives. Men produce millions of sperm continually, whereas the supply of female eggs is finite and women normally release only one egg for possible fertilisation each month. Short of surgical sterilisation, therefore, the fertility of men is harder to disrupt.

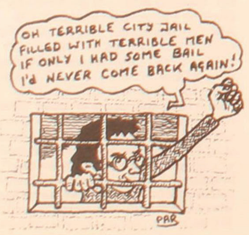
Nonetheless, various drugs to depress sperm production have been tested and some — including LHRH analogues experimentally used in women — may prove useful contraceptives for both sexes, as may, eventually, birth-control vaccines.

A big snag with sperm-supressing drugs is that they take longer to become effective in some men than in others. Another snag is that these drugs tend to suppress the production of testosterone, robbing men of their beards and potency — unless replacement therapy is used. A steroid hormone, called 19-nortestosterone, which behaves like testosterone, may be an alternative, but it is still too early to tell. Ditto inhibin, another hormonal sperm antagonist recently purified by scientists.

Cossypol is a cotton-seed oil derivative whose contraceptive properties were accidentally discovered in China. It has been tested on about 10,000 men there. The pills, among other things, result in potentially serious potassium loss and so may damage the heart. Their effects are sometimes all too permanent. About 20-30% of long-term users remain sterile months after discontinuing the drug. By manipulating the gossypol molecule or creating a synthetic analygue, scientists may yet produce a safe new male contraceptive, but not soon.

In the meantime, methods that block the sperm ducts may make non-surgical sterilisation a realty for men as well as women, and, with further refinement, may become reversible. They are, however, still very much in an experimental stage.

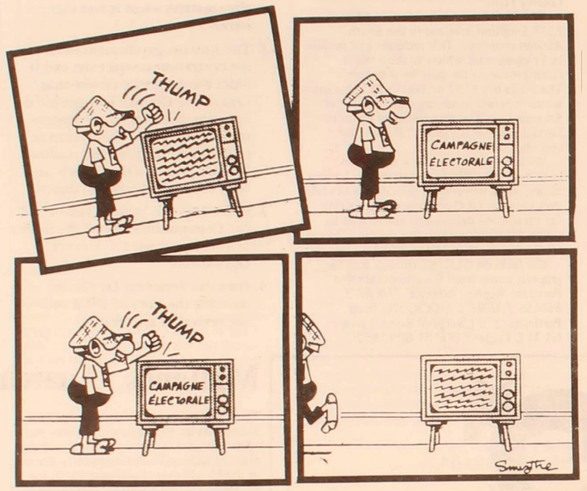
'Making Men Do the Work' from Science and Technology



FRANCE - DIRTY WORK

On the January 8th *Hour of Truth* programme, Laurent Fabius (the French Prime Minister) officially kicked off his campaign for the March legislative elections.

This type of programme is easier to handle than a debate format, for example when he squared off with Chirac (centre/right candidate), obliging him to deal with the contradictions brought up by the latter. This time the responses were ready-made to match the obligatory questions in an hour, not of 'truth', but of pure electoral demagogy.



All in all, Fabius considers the presently moribund left's coming to power as a positive event (a left which for unknown reasons still calls itself 'socialist'). Explaining to tomorrow's voter that the sackings which have taken place during the last five years were necessary, he took his pre-1981 colleagues to task for not having carried out this 'unpleasant chore' themselves. And those who have wound up unemployed will surely be understanding: the average period of unemployment (300 days) has set a new record in France. Fabius can keep his moods to himself. The verdict concerning his and his cronies political approach is unanimous: the right would never have gotten away with it without being denounced by the unions and the entire left. A more capitalist government than this country's so-called 'socialist' one is difficult to imagine.

On the other hand, if the Paris Stock Exchange is on a permanent upswing, and the mood more and more euphoric, Fabius - the - strategist would be making a mistake to offer criticisms, even though he is aware that the beneficiaries happen to be property owners, in other words not exactly a traditional leftist electorate. . .

What's the Difference?

In an interview in *Le Monde*, when he was asked whether there is a difference between the political approaches of the left and the right, Fabius responded: *Evolutions have occurred which must be taken into account, but to make no distinction would be simplistic.*

It's not a question of being simplistic. Never have the workers — whom he calls the 'traditional socialist category' — taken such a beating than since Mauroy (the first socialist prime minister) implemented the policy of austerity. Meanwhile, the bosses — who are benefitting from every imaginable favour from the government — are raking off their 'margins' again, a million more are out of work and there has been a vast increase in the numbers of the 'new poor' since the draconian reduction of both the unemployment benefits and the period of time they can be received. . .[1]

Fabius has also reaffirmed that the policies of social and economic austerity are to continue if the left retains its parliamentary majority. In this context, you have to wonder if the vast majority of the business milieu will massively vote socialist, preferring to leave it up to the socialists to carry on policies which the right was only able to begin to implement...

It is worth noting that if you have the means to take a vacation outside the country, you now have the right to take along 12,000 francs instead of 5,000. This will surely please the unemployed and other workers, who are just waiting for Fabius to tell them that their purchasing power has increased.

Source: *Le Monde Libertaire*

1. The equivalent of the British 'dole' doesn't exist in France. When the period of your unemployment benefits comes to an end, you receive nothing at all.

Le Pen 'Not a Fascist'

Besides being a police torturer in Algeria, as witnessed by two of his victims last year in France; J Le Pen was a Director of a record company which sold recordings of Hitler & Mussolini speeches and Nazi songs. He was subsequently convicted under the French anti-fascist Laws. This was before the French National Front was founded. He is currently fuhrer, oops er. Leader of the FN which boasts over 60,000 members and gained 11% of votes in 1984 Euro elections (20% in some regions).

With 'proportional representation' to be introduced for the March general elections in France the FN may hold the balance of power.



U.S. Prisons Today



Hawaii and Massachusetts are competing for 'most overcrowded prison', with cells runners up in Florida, Iowa and Washington D.C.

Thirty four states have tried to reduce numbers on the grounds that conditions contravene the constitutional ban on 'cruel and unusual punishment'. One jail was ordered to stop taking new prisoners until every current one had a bed. New regulations specifying numbers (in Britain these 'official figures' are easily ignored anyway) is underway.

On January 1st, in West Virginia, the prisoners at the State Penitentiary rioted, a dozen guards were taken hostage and two informers killed. The jail held 750 instead of the prescribed 650 and at 112 years old its Tudor style plumbing was chronic (sub-zero in Winter, 110 heat in Summer), no hot-food, a ban on beards, moustaches and long hair, general degradation and humiliation are its system.

A few days later a riot broke out in Iowa.

In June 1975, 241,000 prisoners were in State and Federal jails. In June 1985, 490,000! Another 250,000 are in city and county jails.

Higher levels of arrests and convictions, harsher sentencing, less use of parole and minimum sentences (to placate the no soft approach to crime lobby) and *not* an increase in crime is responsible. Reported crimes fell by 14% between 1981 and '84 and violent crimes by 12% according to the Department of Justice.

Billions of dollars is being spent on the construction of new prisons and the 'taxpayers' want the schemes to be privatised instead. . . The Corrections Corporation of America is bidding $ 250 Million for the Tennessee system of 10,000 inmates (slaves!).

In Pennsylvania two jails are already 'private'. The South, which historically has sent more people to prison than any other region is experimenting with probation (reporting 5 times a week), home confinement (only out to work), 'community work centres' for non-violent criminals who work for no pay — popular with the local government.

COMMENT

WHO SHOT THE POPE, AND WHY

An interesting article appeared just before Xmas in the US paper *Village Voice* about the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in May 1981 by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca.

Although Agca was caught and put on trial for the shooting, it's still unclear as to who he was working for and why he did it. The popular theory that Agca was employed by Bulgarian diplomats (who are in turn employed by the KGB in Moscow) took a turn for the worst when Italian judge Ilario Martella, who has been investigating the case for 4 years, went to the USA to interview Italian ex-Intelligence officer Francesco Parienza over allegations that Pazienza had tried to persuade Agca to blame the shooting on the Bulgarian secret service before he went on trial in September '84.

Pazienza is currently being detained in in a Manhattan (New York) jail pending extradition back to Italy over charges of embezzling $ 200,000 from the bankrupt Banco Amrosiano, for extortion and leaking State secrets, and for 'masterminding' the 1980 Bologna train station bombing (this was initially blamed on left-wing groups) along with the the new 'Carlos' of international terrorism, Stefano delle Chiaie.

When Martella interrogated Pazienza in December 1985, he not surprisingly denied any involvement with Agca but did allege that others in the Italian Secret Service had in fact prompted Agca to implicate Bulgaria.



FRANCESCO PAZIENZA

More importantly Pazienza also let it slip that US Customs Officers confided in him before he was arrested in September 1984 that Stefano delle Chiaie entered Miami by plane with a Turkish fascist close to Agca in September 1982. (some sixteen months after the assassination attempt).

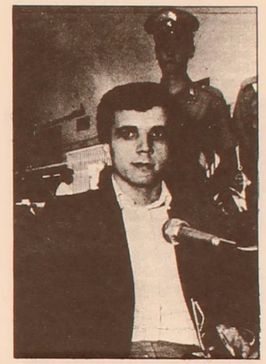
According to *Village Voice*, the man accompanying delle Chiaie was Abdullah Catli, a leader in the Grey Wolves group.

Stefano delle Chiaie & Abdullah Catli — 2 Nazi Terrorists.

Delle Chiaie and Catli have both been involved in neo-Nazi activity for some time. Delle Chiaie joined the pro-Nazi Ordine Nuevo group at the age of 22 in 1958 and after a year had set up Avanguardia Nazionale, a group whose members infiltrated left-wing and Anarchist groups at the behest of Italy's Secret Service. In December 1969 a bomb exploded in Fontana Square, Milan, killing sixteen people and injuring hundreds more. Anarchists were blamed for the deed at first and many were detained. Italian magistrates later discovered that the bomb had in fact been planted by Mario Merlino, a Nazi and close friend of delle Chiaie, as part of their 'strategy of tension' (a plan to create a climate of fear amongst the population as a prelude to the installation of a fascist dictatorship). After participating in an abortive military coup against Italy's Christian Democratic government in Dec. 1970, delle Chiaie fled to Madrid, sharing a flat with several other neo-Nazis and friends connected with the G.A.L. (see *Black Flag* No. 140 for details). GAL, a group financed by Spain's security forces, was set up to murder ETA and GRAPO guerrillas and still exists today. From 1975 to 1980 he travelled around Latin America and got involved with several fascist regimes (Chile, Bolivia, Argentina and El Salvador) and their death squads. On August 2nd 1980, a bomb exploded at Bologna railway station in Italy, leaving eighty dead and hundreds injured. As we have already mentioned, delle Chiaie has now been charged with planning that outrage too. His past is described in detail in Stuart Christie's excellent book: *Stefano delle Chiaie. Portrait of a Black Terrorist.*

Catli, a close friend of Agcas, is reported to be a leader of Grey Wolves, a fascist terror organisation especially active in the '70's when Turkish police linked him to the murder of seven trade union activists in 1978. He went underground. He was also active in the Grey Wolves parent organisation, the National Action Party, another Nazi group in contact with the Italian fascist groups Armed Revolutionary Nuclei and Terzo Posizione.

In November 1979, Catli helped Agca escape from prison after the latter agreed to take the blame for murdering Abdi Ipecki, the editor of a liberal Turkish newspaper. Catli and Oral Celik (another Grey Wolves leader) oversaw the jailbreak, then



ABDULLAH CATLI

safehoused Agca for twenty days and arranged a false passport for him, enabling Agca to travel freely in Europe.

The pasport, bearing the name 'Faruk Ozgun' was delivered to Agca in Sophia, Bulgaria, by Omer Mersan in the summer of 1980. Mersan worked for Abuzer Ugurlu a Turkish organised crime boss who operated in Sophia. Catli's henchmen functioned as bodyguards and couriers for Ugurlu in return for weapons and cash for the Grey Wolves parent group, the NAP.

After the Bulgarian sojourn in mid-1980 Agca shared a house with Catli and a group of Grey Wolves in Vienna. Catli gave Agca the gun used in the assassination attempt around this time. Catli's activities after May 1981 are more or less unknown. In February 1982 he was arrested by Swiss police, but was released 48 hours before an arrest warrant arrived from Turkey (where he had been convicted of murdering seven trade union militants). In October 1984, Catli's luck ran out and he was arrested again, this time in France on drugs charges. He has been in prison in Paris ever since. When called last September as a witness at the Agca trial in Rome, Catli denied any involvement in the Papal plot and claimed that Agca had acted alone.

Delle Chiaie Roams Free

While Catli languishes in jail, delle Chiaie is still at large. In July 1982, shortly after a civilian government replaced the military dictatorship in Bolivia, delle Chiaie narrowly escaped capture by a team of Italian and American agents.

Even though US agents are supposedly on his trail, there is strong evidence to suggest that they are in fact protecting him from arrest. Pazienza said recently that 'Delle Chiaie enters and leaves the US as he likes', while Vincenzo Parisi (a top official of SISDE — Italy's secret service) has accused US Intelligence of only giving half-hearted assistance to their Italian counter-parts in the search for delle Chiaie.

The attempt to kill the Pope, if it does involve delle Chiaie, can be seen as part of the 'Strategy of Tension'. Like the Piazza Fontana and Bologna train station bombings, the assassination attempt was initially blamed on the left, but later turned out to involve fascists and their friends in the Intelligence agencies.

If delle Chiaie is being protected by US officials, something we don't doubt, then it's unlikely that he will ever be captured. It's ironic that a lot of people still associate Anarchists with terrorism when in reality it is the so-called 'democratic' governments who collaborate with Nazis and perpetuate the worst terrorist outrages!



STEFANO DELLE CHIAIE

HAITI - PRESSURE GOT TO STOP

Continued from last issue.

Idole du Peuple

'Baby Doc' continued his father's fear of coups and stored all the country's ammunition in the basement of the Presidential palace; keeping the key personally. . . . Then one night in 1973, two years after his accession, the presidential ammo dump blew up, partially destroying the palace as thousands of rounds ricoched beneath him. He retired to a mountain retreat to nurse his dignity. Three years after that he was flown secretly to a US naval base for treatment after an assassination attempt. His mother prevented his attempts at marriage several times thus infighting with the relatives began and he expelled his mother from the palace in 1980. His elder sister and his wife have links with officers who had tried to overthrown his father. Also in 1980 he unleashed the Tontons Macoutes in a reign of terror against the clamour for free trade unions. He has in 1985 dismissed the entire inner cabinet after further unrest. . .

It is estimated half a million people have fled Haiti since he took power.

The International Monetary Fund has estimated that the Duvalier regime owes $ 400 million to Haiti's central bank and that the family and their allies have salted away $ 450 million in foreign bank accounts.

The 'greenback', Haiti's unofficial currency since the US Marine occupation half a century ago, has disappeared on to the black market, hoarded by the big importers and spirited abroad by the super-rich.

The Americans supervised the slaughter of every pig in the country to eradicate African swine fever, but they have insisted that Haiti buy white American pigs to replace them instead of a hardier black Caribbean breed. The average peasant for whom a pig was often their only savings cannot afford the extra cost of keeping the new ones.

The Catholic Church's divided hierarchy has responded lamely to the regime's attacks on its militant lower clergy. One priest has been murdered and three more deported, the Church's radio *Radio Soleil* has been closed down. . .The Archbishop is a relative of the President!

Gregoire Eugene,leader of the small Social Christian Party has accepted the regime's plan to legalise political parties and then it hopes, control them by intimidation. The US Embassy, anxious to give the Duvaliers a better image, has encouraged him. Eugene is cursed by the other opposition groups for breaking their boycott of the regime. His book *The Haitian Miracle is Possible* suggests that the army should take power.

Four schoolchildren were killed in a demonstration by slum dwellers in December '85 which the police attacked.

On January 11th, scores of arrests were made and the Government ordered the indefinite closure of all schools in response to an almost total student boycott; warning the Tonton Macoutes milita and the army would 'forcefully crush all illegal action'.

Troops dismantled barricades on main roads and many towns were reported to be quieter; but, students later took to the streets of the capital calling on the President to resign.

In the southern town of Miragoane, the local military commander was kidnapped by a crowd and forced to shout 'down with Duvalier'. Protesters destroyed all street names, billboards and pro-government slogans, referring to the President, his wife and relatives.

Haiti's armed forces were put on full alert as opponents called for a general strike on Monday January 13th. Hundreds of hard-line Duvalierists, known as 'the dinosaurs' were summoned to the Palace to show support for the President and oppose 'chaos'. Also calling by the President-for-life were two of the country's leading Catholic bishops, Emmanuel Constant of Gonaives, which has been the centre of anti-government demonstrations, and Francois Guyot of Cap Haitien.

Sixteen normally conservative Protestant leaders, representing most of Haiti's one million Protestants made their first statement against the regime attacking 'injustice and oppression'. Demonstrations in all major towns the previous week had called for the overthrow of the regime so they finally saw the wind blowing the other way unlike the 'Opposition' who have remained silent during the demos.

Leaflets handed out calling for 'operation uproot' to begin with a strike by all government and private sector workers and for the important independent transport system to stop work.

Only a few factories and offices reported absentees. All schools remained closed by government order and rivets scattered on roads in a wealthy suburb of the capital forced many upper class Haitians to leave their vehicles...

To be continued next issue.

COMMENT



"MOLLIES" FOR TNT

Yet another page (this time in the original Spanish) from the infamous CIA *Terror Manual* that was distributed to Central American contras and which recently gained additional notoriety in Britain when an extract (in english) was reproduced in the Reading paper, *Red Rag*, after first appearing in the *New Statesman* magazine (see *Black Flag* No. 147).

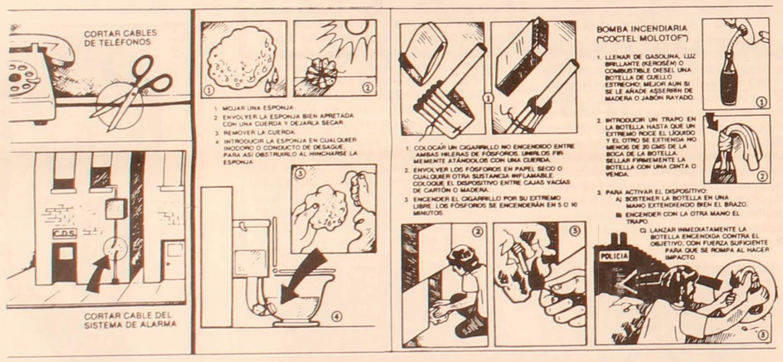
Rising to the bait (and seeing red — but not Reds) came bullish Rupert Murdoch in the form of *The Times*, taking exception not to the CIA original, or even the *New Statesman* version, but to the anarchists in Reading. Perhaps what really worries Murdoch (and his scab partners Thompson Night Travel, the multinational transportation firm) is that the sort of information, albeit crude and basic, contained in the manual might gain wider approval with himself and his chronies on the receiving end. Not an illogical assumption considering the lengths Murdoch has gone to in setting up 'Fort Wapping', the new home for his newspaper empire.

TNT are a vastly expanding company in their own right, originating from Australia where they are the largest by far of the distribution/transportation companies in that part of the world. Incidentally a major share-holder is the Australian Council of Trade Unions (the Aussie TUC) whose former Leader is currently the Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke! They have their eyes too on the rest of Europe, although one of their current priorities is to grab business from the British Post Office. Having failed three years ago to snatch a large chunk of the inland parcels service, they are now focusing on the overseas letters service, offfering cut-rate prices to businesses by sending consolidated mail overseas via the Belgium Post Office where casual and part-time labour has been introduced to keep down labour costs. If TNT succeed then several thousand postal workers might be made redundant — a calamity that doesn't seem to worry the TNT workers with regard to the assistance they are providing Murdoch in laying off print workers.

Being Australian based, some of the workers are on a special leave here as couriers, transporting items for the TNT company to Britain. Those who stay over for a paid holiday before the return flight were offered high pay as scab drivers for Murdoch's Wapping press output. Those who took on the scab work are not in the Transport & General Workers Union of course. The majority of the scabs are local scum though as were the drivers of the lorries that broke the miners strike in 1984/'85...

Most businesses need a good scab transport / distribution system they can rely upon in times of emergency (eg. the Coal Board) and TNT are positioning themselves as a reliable strike-breaking outfit for hire. Just how safe trade unionists will be from future TNT scabbing or how safe TNT will be from retaliatory measures as a consequence of the scabbing remains to be seen.

NB. TNT has set up a 'national incident room' to coordinate all the reports of direct action against TNT personnel and premises. Already there have been reports of drivers 'harassed, followed, intimidated, their truck windows smashed in, some assaulted', etc. TNT's managing director, Alan Jones, claims to have a 'four page dossier' listing all the incidents. One driver was attacked with a knife, others have had their loads dumped. Already the dispute has claimed two class war prisoners: after a TNT truck load of Murdoch's papers went missing, two warehousemen were charged with theft and criminal damage. Murdoch's fortress clearly cannot cover the whole country!



Page from CIA Manual.

LAW HELP US.

The Church of England bishops are worried about the use of the oath as a magic test for jurors. The Archbishop of Canterbury is issuing a statement (or may have done by the time this is printed) giving the Church's attitude to abolishing the oath taken by witnesses in civil and criminal proceedings. At last the legal profession realises the absurdity of the whole business. It is just a question now of saving face.

If one gives a simple affirmation, one becomes subject to the laws of perjury — which is sufficent deterrent. The idea of a solemn oath on a Bible — with the prospective deterrent of being struck by lightning (it hasn't ever happened — if it had once, it would be quoted again and again!) or going to hell — is a superstitious relic of the Dark Ages. Judge King Hamilton in the 'Persons Unknown' case has the distinction of being the last person to uphold this piece of Christian tomfoolery but there have been many other imbeciles on the Bench — Christian and non-Christian — especially in cases involving Anarchists where bail has been refused, or witnesses refused hearing, because they wouldn't 'swear to Almighty God' . . . but not only Anarchists, nor even only atheists or Quakers. . . We recall a case where a judge refused credibility to a Cockney lad who swore 's'elp me Gawd' he asked 'How can I accept the word of a witness who cannot even pronounce the name of the Almighty?' Is the joke over? Don't forget the Witchcraft Act was only repealed in 1946. . . the Blasphemy Act is still alive and kicking. . .

A NOD AND A WINK

For some ironic reason, the 'mole' at Freedom Press, Tony Jones — unmasked as a police agent in *City Limits* and *Black Flag* — will speak in the lecture series given at the Mary Ward Centre, Queens Square, London WC1 on February 21st 1985, at 8pm. He is speaking on *Anarchism, the Individual and the Law.* (!)

ANARCHY & FREEDOM

The latest issue of *Anarchy magazine* (No. 38) gives a very comprehensive study of armed struggle in Germany, with documents from the guerrilla underground of Western Germany and France.

There is also a concise history of the 'La Scala' provocation against the Spanish anarcho-syndicalist union the CNT-AIT. For interest, the Gambin who acted as infiltrator and police agent, is referred to in Miguel Garcia's book *Franco's Prisoner*. A 'spoiled child of the workers', the son of CNT militants executed by Franco, he was thrown out on the streets at an early age like many others, one of the victims of the Franco regime in Spain. Thus he became a police stooge and frustrated one of Miguel Garcia's attempted escapes from prison. It is understood that later, when Franco fell and both were at liberty, Miguel warned the CNT in Barcelona against accepting Gambin as a member. He was turned down; but later re-applied elsewhere and got in.

A reviewer *C.O.Jones* (Spanish for balls ie. cojones) looking at Osvaldo Bayer's book on De Giovanni (to be reviewed in these columns some time) refers to *The anarchist paper La Protesta conducting an astonishing campaign of vilification against activists*, and refers to it as *Freedom's equivalent in Britain*.

In fact, it was the equivalent in Argentina of *Solidaridad Obrera* (the Spanish CNT's anarcho-syndicalist daily newspaper) as it appeared in the mornings and another anarchist daily in the evenings! Also the Argentine anarcho-syndicalists were there grouped in the FORA, as in Spain with the CNT. Alas, they got bedevilled in the same way as a phoney organisation setting up a 'duplicate' FORA split away. (The situation in Spain of the trick 'Renovadas' is not a new one). The art of impersonation sometimes succeeds where repression hasn't done so. On the whole *La Protesta* had a magnificent battle-scarred record. It shouldn't be blamed for infiltrators who got their come-uppance.

Freedom Feardom

One of the comments in *Anarchy* is that *Freedom* (it's now 75p) *defies the impossible by getting worse each issue.* The Jan-Feb combined issue at least tries to arrest this trend. After all the slagging levelled at *Black Flag* for referring to the anti-Anarchists around *Freedom*, it is announced that they will no longer be granting accomodation address there for some of the current Box holders.

This follows our *Anarchism Caricatured* article and internal problems of their own brought to a head by these parasites who used the place while slagging off their hosts. What indeed were people like that doing there? Ironically though real workers from their Bookshop have been driven out also! Is it too much to hope that they will now clear up the paper too? Or that the hullabaloo about the DAM's expulsion of one member, who was in fundamental opposition to it, be dropped in *Freedom*, after the dismissal of its Bookshop staff?

It being 100 years since Kropotkin and friends founded a paper named *Freedom*, it is naturally preoccupied with writing (or re-writing) history, with a somewhat tendentious presentation and selected names, to show continuity. When *Spain and the World* became *Revolt* it was determined not to be associated with the old *Freedom*.

The old excuse now passing into general acceptance that the split of 1944 was due to 'syndicalism' v 'anarchism' is also perpetuated (on the basis that two of those concerned helped form the SWF two years later). Actually it was engineered by Sonia Clements (whose role we may assess in historical review) and occasioned by the literary aggrandisement of George Woodcock using what others had built to make a career. The role of 'syndicalism' was accepted by both sides to the dispute, as well as by the third side (the majority) which held aloof from the dispute.

The story of the split in 1914 is given the usual fiction that it was pro and anti war factions.

Ethel Mannin and Reg Reynolds, who wrote about six articles in all for the subsequent *War Commentary*, between them, are stated to have been among its founders, perhaps to give respectability as they were well known writers, but in fact under a long-since forgotten constitution, they would have been excluded anyway, as pacifists, even if they weren't in the ILP (Independent Labour Party) at the time. The renegade Woodcock though a pacifist got in the collective later, pretending for the time that he wasn't. Still, it's not as bad as Stu-Black-Henry—Stuart's 'histories' — of how Philip Sansom won an election to become editor!

On the whole an improvement; as long as one accepts the fact that it's now firmly into Liberal-Anarchism and most of its contributors are in the Labour Party (or vote for it) anyway, one doesn't have to be too irritated with it.

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

BELGIUM- FREEDOM FOR CHANTAL!

Chantal Paternostre was arrested on August 14 1985 and charged with attempting to cause an explosion[1]. Since then, her case continues to be under review and is following its predominantly bumping and jolting course, legal guidelines have been followed more or less (usually less than more), and her case is proceeding more or less rapidly (slowly enough in effect, seeing that five months have have already gone by). During this time, Chantal has remained behind bars in the prison de Forest.

In the beginning, the screws reacted with with a certain amount of panic: 'Christ, a terrorist, watch out, watch her like a hawk'. Little by little the atmosphere relaxed. Chantal was released from solitary (implied by her being kept in isolation when she was first being questioned), allowing her to explore the prison confines and to make her first contacts with the other prisoners, and establish friendships.

After four months the screws no longer monitor her in a special manner and she has become 'experienced' and integrated into the prison routine. She learns the ins and outs of daily prison life, the personalities of the screws and their 'little weaknesses', her 'rights', and how the prison regulations are applied. In the dining hall, library and TV room she meets her fellow prisoners, talks, discusses, laughs, offers ideas and energy and exchanges human warmth. She is treated in short like any other prisoner; neither are special security measures in effect nor special surveillance, at least as far as day-to-day routine inside the prison is concerned.

Bribery

Time goes by 'peacefully' in Chantal's cell. . . until the first days of January 1986. A heated argument occurs between Chantal and Madame Lyna, the judge who is handling her case. It is made clear to Chantal that she stands a good chance of remaining in prison until the leading members of Action Direct are arrested.

Chantal makes it clear that she considers this a form of bribery; the judges' response is ambivalent.

On the same day, a new warrant against Chantal is issued, accusing her of 'criminal association'. On the next day — a strange coincidence — Chantal is advised that a sealed letter indicating when she is to be allowed out of her cell will be arriving each day, eliminating the possibility of ongoing contacts and of seeing the same prisoners on a daily basis. Next she is told that it has been requested that she be placed in solitary confinement. The warden opposes this, stating that he doesn't believe it necessary. This situation remains in effect for about a month. Vague justifications citing security reasons are evoked concerning Chantal's recreation periods. . .

On the 16th December 1985 four alleged members of the CCC are arrested. A seige mentality grips the two Brussels prisons, but no particular measures are taken against Chantal.

Towards the end of December, Chantal refuses to attend a meeting in the Judge's chamber, which she considers a useless formality considering the reigning prejudices concerning those who have been labelled 'terrorists'. She doesn't believe that there is any question of her being released at this point, not taking into account the array of weaponry to be deployed: machine guns, cops in every corner, handcuffs, a revolver in the back from one end of the journey to the other. It only takes a second for a 'slip-up' to occur. . . in an atmosphere like this, Chantal feels insecure to say the least.

Disciplinary Action

On the 31st December, a few days after this incident, a new development takes place. Chantal, somewhat ill at ease, is asked to see the warden. He informs her that from now on she will be on a strict disciplinary regime: *total* solitary: no more recreation periods with other inmates, no access to the library or the cinema and no radio. Why? The warden doesn't know: orders from above. From the very top. No disciplinary sanctions have ever been taken against Chantal and there has been nothing in her behaviour to justify such measures. Chantal reacts immediately and undertakes a hunger strike. On the second of January she informs her lawyers, the press and her friends and enjoys her evening meal (the small pleasures available are even more important in prison than on the outside).



A hunger strike inevitably produces a tense situation for everyone concerned. The warden, who was nervous enough already, contacts his superiors to negotiate an alternative solution. He warns Chantal that as soon as she begins her hunger strike she will be put in the hole (a naked cell, a mattress in one corner, nothing to read, no way to write, total isolation, no more recreation periods).

Ultimately Chantal is permitted a radio but all the other measures remain in effect. She continues to consider the possibility of a hunger strike, but would like to determine where the orders for the measures against her are coming from beforehand.

She attempts to send a telegram to her lawyer, fills out the form, and the telegram never arrives. . .

Total Isolation

Since December 31st she has been in total isolation: twenty-four hours a day with no one to talk to and human contacts limited to the screws and lawyers. This has had a physically and psychologically exhausting effect.

'The measures came nowhere'; not from the warden, the director of prison adminstration or the judge, but from higher and always higher up. But nobody knows from where, or for what reason.

Only one means of communicating within the prison remained to Chantal: through the window. The reaction of the administration: 'all inmates are forbidden to communicate with her under penalty of disciplinary sanctions.' (the hole, loss of the right to listen to the radio, to receive visitors etc. . .). Disciplinary actions have now taken place.

On January 13, the most recent development occurred. A psychiatrist under instructions to 'examine her personality' paid a visit.

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An update in the most recent issue of *Le Monde Libertaire* mentions that Chantal is not receiving her mail, which goes directly into her file instead.
A support group, *les amis de Chantel Paternostre (the friends of Chantal Paternostre)* has organised a demonstration outside the Brussels court house for the 27th January. They can be reached Monday to Friday from 10 to 6 at Belgium 02-736 2776.
Chantal's address is: Chantal Paternostre, prison de Forest, 52 avenue de la Jonction, *1060 Brussels, Belgium.*

1. Chantal has been falsely accused of being a member of the Cellules Communistes Combattantes. For details of the frame-up see BLACK FLAG No. 147.

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Dear Comrades,

Greetings in strength and solidarity from within the torture chamber (the infamous 'control unit') here at USP Marion, Ill, USA! For a long time I've wanted to write and send my greetings and my thanks for your help, in sending *Black Flag* as well as having me a part of your list of political prisoners who need support. I first heard of you through a friend from the Socialist Centre in Leicester and we have become quite close through our correspondence. I'm of Lakota (Sioux) and caucasian descent and as such I'm a follower of the sacred teachings and traditions of my Indian ancestors, but also, the european blood/heritage is a part of my struggle as well. I consider myself a firm believer in international unity of various groups, because todays world has the oppressors, regardless of their nation, a collective — they control our lives through this coalition.

So to me, its relatively easy to see the *only* way to topple these authoritarian, capitalist, dictatorship, parliamentary and other regimes is for *us*, the liberation fighters of the world, to unite!

I wasn't originally put in their iron-house because of my activism. . .economics dictated that I survive and I took it into my own hands to do so, but once inside I was slapped in the face with the all too unreal realities which exist behind prison walls. I began my political education and awareness of my people's struggles inside a cage. The stage was set there, as in the State of South Dakota, racism, oppression and frontier vigilante attitudes dictate how things operate.

After numerous strategic moves to gain even the basic human rights, equality and treatment, as a descendent of this countries true people, as well as a prisoner and human being, things exploded in 1981 within this State prison — a bunch of guards were the subjects of all the years of anger, frustration and denial by officials to correct the situation. Not surprisingly there were casualties when it was over and although I wasn't involved in the actual actions which resulted in them being wounded, I was all for it; I'd been a long, outspoken 'thorn' in the side of this beast called the criminal justice system, and as such, the stage was set for their move to portray the ordeal as just a bunch of convicts running rampant!

As in other nations around the world, this country abuses its system of 'justice' — the poor are often recipients of it— the minorities and those who refuse to be subjects of oppression. When one is already behind bars and portrayed to the public as nothing but an animal (for caging or death) etc. this so called justice is twice as hard to find! After the riot inside the S.Dakota prison, State officials (Warden, corrections officials, Attorney General, Governor and Courts in the area) set out to side-track the *real* responsibility for it onto six prisoners. I was one and so after exercising my rights to be tried, I was given 60 more years for 'assault' and exiled into the Federal prison system. These 'assault' convictions are these official's way of 'making an example' out of those resisting these dehumanising processes which fester inside prison. The case itself, from beginning to end, is purely political in nature, for there's absolutely nothing to substantiate criminal charges being brought against myself.

Upon arrival at this country's second toughest maximum security prison at Lewisburg, Pa., my activism focused upon the failure of the Federal government (by way of the Bureau of Prisons which *is* part of the US Justice Department) to recognise our inalienable right of freedom of religion. To us Native people there's no division between 'religion' and 'culture' because its *all* a way of life. This area was relatively overlooked or pushed aside within USP Lewisburg and through articles, proposals within the institution, focusing attention to our cause with outside contacts etc. I took it upon myself to do my part to help. There was/had been many others doing this also. Fortunately, the things being exposed were such that couldn't be avoided.

After facing the choice of being sued and lose or do what they were supposed to be doing all along, they agreed to our request — a *major* victory, for it was the first time a Maximum security prison had allowed our sacred sweat lodge inside. It is my belief that the activism on my part is what caused my being set-up to take the fall on a murder of another inmate at Lewisburg in 1983. As a result of my being locked up for it and 'found guilty' by a prison disciplinary board, I was then sent here to America's ultimate torture chamber by these people. By their *own* standards, this place is designed, among other things, to try and break outspokeness in prison matters etc. To make a long story short, in Feb '85 (18 months after the frame-up began) I was found not guilty by a jury, in a court of Law. This does not matter in the way the US government goes about persecuting activists, for I was returned to and am still here for those same charges!

In conclusion, I wanted to say that I found the article *France — the truth about prison revolts* and the letter *From a US prison* in *Black Flag* No. 143 to be really interesting. I can identify with a lot of what is said, for my own ordeals are one more example of the reality, terrible as it is, that whether here or wherever, these dungeons are designed to break resistance. My theme is this: we continue to resist our oppressors and for all they can take from us, there's one thing they'll never attain — our purpose, which makes us free regardless of the circumstances or how adverse the conditions!

If there's anyone who'd like more on my case, etc. feel free to contact me or my defence/support network:

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